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Being the Day of *Publick Thankſgiving* for the Deliverance of His MAJESTY's Sacred Perſon, His Royal Brother, and the Government, from the late Helliſh Fanatick Conſpiracy.

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St. Luke 19. v. 14.

But his Citizens hated him, and ſent a meſſage after him, ſaying, We will not have this man to Reign over us.

WHich words are part of an eminent Parable ſpoken by the King of the Jews in his Triumphant Proceſſion to *Jeruſalem*, which had rais'd great hopes in the Diſciples, and others his Countrymen who accompanied Him in that Glorious March, that the Kingdom of God, which they had ſo long expected, and ſo earneſtly deſired, ſhould now appear, that the Kingdom ſhould even now *be reſtored unto Iſrael*, *i. e.* in their carnal conceits, that He would now in a moſt ſolemn manner proclaim Himſelf a Mighty Monarch,

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narch, make *Jeruſalem* the Chief Seat of his Empire, promote them to the Higheſt Places of Truſt and Dignity, and that they ſhould enjoy all the meaſures of Softneſs, Eaſe and Plenty under his moſt Peacefull, Proſperous and laſting Reign. To correct the Vanity of this fancy, in his more immediate Approach to this Famous Metropolis, He tells them of a certain Nobleman, *i. e.* One born Heir to a Crown, who went into a far Country to take Poſſeſſion of a Kingdom, of his returning again to his Coutrymen in an Eminent manner, and in the mean time of his committing to their Care a certain Fund of Mony, which they were to employ in the way of Merchandiſe, that ſo He might receive an improvement, and they a ſuitable Reward. The far Country ſpoken of ſufficiently confuted their Error in thinking *Jeruſalem* ſhould be the Chief Seat of his Empire, and by making his ſervants Factors and Merchants in his abſence, and requiring an improvement at his Return, they had little reaſon to dream that his Kingdom ſhould privilege Sloth and Idleneſs, or ſecure the injoyment of carnal Pleaſures.

The words of the Text give the reaſon why He went into a far Country; becauſe his Citizens hated Him, and manifeſted their Hatred in that Sullen undutifull Meſſage, which they ſent after him, ſaying, *We will not have this man to Reign over us. Stat pro ratione voluntas.* Which well enough became the mouths of ſuch Turbulent, Rebellious Citizens as the Jews were in General, but is yet better ſuited to the rude humour, and ungovern'd Zeal of the Phariſees in Particular, who towards the latter end of the Jewiſh ſtate, and at the time of our Saviour's appearance upon Earth, had work'd themſelves into the Management of all Affairs both Sacred and Civil: nothing of moment paſs'd, but was directed by their Counſels, nothing of weight but was influenc'd

fluenc'd by their aſſiſtence: and what truſty Managers they were, appeared by their involving their miſerable Citizens into the moſt deplorable Calamities which ever befell a People ſince the Creation.

The Jews were always a moody head-ſtrong People, impatient of any kind of Government. *Theocracy* it ſelf could not pleaſe them; for they murmured againſt *Moſes* and *Aaron* who had wrought ſuch wonders for them in the land of *Ægypt*, led them through the Red Sea, as upon dry ground, and fed them with food from Heaven in the Wilderneſs. They made not ſuitable returns to *Joſhua* for conducting them into the promiſed Land: they were prone upon all Occaſions to impeach their Judges. The Votes and Decrees of the *Sanhedrim* were not always ſo dutifully receiv'd: at length having forc't God by their importunities to give them a King after the manner of the Nations, they ſoon repented their Choice, grew weary of Him, before He was well ſetled in his Throne, or had exercis'd any remarkable Juriſdiction over them. For their frequent Murmurings, Tumults and Rebellions God often puniſh'd them with Wars, Peſtilence and Famine; with in-bred Diſtempers and Foreign Captivity. At the time of the *Meſſiah*'s appearance theſe ungratefull Citizens had forfeited all their ancient Charters, all the Privileges they could challenge in the Right of *Abraham* the Faithfull, and were become Tributaries to the Infidel *Romans*.

The *Meſſiah* appears as *Moſes* had done before in this great juncture of Hardſhips. They adhere to their Oppreſſors, and ſhamefully reject their Saviour; by libelling his Government in General, by throwing contempt upon his Perſon in Particular, *Is not this the Carpenter's Son?* by traducing his Life and Converſation, makeing Him a Wine-bibber, a friend of Publicans and Sinners; by making baſe Reflexions upon his Diſciples and Chief Miniſters;

Miniſters; by undervaluing his Doctrines, as inconſiſtent with the Pomp and Grandeur of the *Roman* Empire; by making him an Innovator, a Diſturber of the Eſtabliſh'd Religion; and laſtly (as the height of their Malice) by Proclaming Him a Traytor and Enemy to *Cæſar*, as having ſiniſter Ends to ſet up a fifth Monarchy, in Oppoſition to the fourth.

But when our Saviour by his Exemplary Life, Peaceable Doctrines, and Mighty Miracles had overcome all theſe Falſe and Malitious Accuſations: When by his willing ſubmiſſion to Authority, the painfull Agonies of the Croſs, his patient Comportment under them, and the terrible Prodigies which accompanied his giving up the Ghoſt, He had convinc'd the Centurion and others that He was a *juſt man* and no other than the *Son of God*. When their ſealing the ſtone and ſetting a Watch could no longer detain Him in the Grave; when their Sham-plot in giving out *that his Diſciples came by night, and ſtole Him away whilſt they ſlept*, could no longer obſcure the Glories of his Reſurrection; in ſhort, when in the grief and anguiſh of their tormented Souls, they perceiv'd that he was gone into his far Country, there to be Inveſted with Majeſty and Dominion far above all Principalities and Powers, then to let the world ſee, that Citizens will be Citizens, Jews, Jews, and Phariſees, Phariſees ſtill; when all their Pretences were baffled, and they reduc'd to the laſt Effort of obſtinate Rebels, to own Rebellion for Rebellions ſake, then they Magiſteriouſly reſolve themſelves into the Sovereignty of their own Wills, and conclude againſt all Government in a direct *Nolumus hunc, We will not have this man to Reign over us.*

But was it then in their choice whether He ſhould Reign over them, or not? Infatuate Rebels! thus to oppoſe their own impotent Wills againſt the Councils and

and Determination of Heaven, where it ſtood Recorded in the Books of Eternity, *That his Sceptre ſhould be an everlaſting Sceptre, and his Dominion endure throughout all Generations.* This mad Decree then could onely ſhew the folly and impiety of theſe Rebellious Citizens: for the King whom they rejected did Reign over them. 1. In his Mercies, in the Converſion of 3000 of them at one Sermon of St. *Peter's* their Prime Apoſtle, and Principal Teacher. 2. In Judgment, at his ſecond Advent, but firſt Eminent judicial Return, after his Glorious Inſtallment in his far Country; in the Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*, when theſe Rebellious Citizens, or their Deſcendents ſuffered all the Extremities of temporal Calamities. 3. He ſhall Reign over them at his third and laſt terrible Advent, when He ſhall come with all the Solemnities of Majeſty to judge the world, pronounce Sentence upon theſe wicked Citizens, and make them the Vaſſals of Eternal Vengeance, the certain Doom of all unrepenting Rebels.

From this ſhort Illuſtration of the Text I hope it appears how well it ſuits with the Buſineſs of the Day, a Day of Publick Thankſgiving for the Deliverance of his Majeſty, His Royal Brother, and the whole Government from the Helliſh Conſpiracy of Fanatical Republican Rage.

I ſhall therefore, 1. Shew the Hatred of theſe Citizens to Monarchical Government in General.

2. Inſiſt on the ſeveral ways they purſued in the carrying on this damnable Conſpiracy in Particular.

3. Take notice that when theſe fail'd, like the Deſperate Citizens in the Text, they betook themſelves to deſperate means, and wickedly reſolv'd that the King ſhould not Reign over them.

4. And laſtly, ſhew the folly and impiety of ſuch mad

mad Reſolves, for the King whom they devoted to Deſtruction does and ſhall Reign over them.

Firſt, The Hatred of theſe Citizens to Monarchical Government in General. You have been already told that the Jews were always a Rebellious Generation, but never ſo bad, as when the Phariſees had got ſo much the aſcendent over them. I am ſorry to tell you that the frequent Tumults and Inſurrections which have infeſted the Reigns of our *Britiſh* Kings gave occaſion to that Sarcaſtical ſaying; *Rex Angliæ, Rex Diabolorum*; but you may tell your ſelves that theſe Devils never acted more like Devils, than ſince they were poſſeſs'd and guided by the Turbulent Spirit of our Modern Phariſees the Presbyterians; who are the very Citizens that from their firſt Inſtitution have ſhewn their Hatred againſt Monarchs and Monarchy. And they muſt be content, which perhaps they Glory in, to bear a Principal part in moſt of the unnatural Wars and Commotions, which have happen'd in Chriſtendom, ſince they took upon them to carry on their Bleſſed Work of Reformation. The reſt of the Schiſmaticks are but their Spawn, and conſequently included in this Denomination, though like a *Cadmean* Progeny, they have always fought againſt one another. And to the eternal honour of Presbytery be it ſpoken, that *John Calvin* confirm'd his Diſcipline the ſame year, that *Ignatius Loyala*, the firſt Founder of the *Jeſuits*, was choſen their firſt General in a ſolemn manner; and that as He Founded his Presbytery in Treaſon and Rebellion, the Citizens having prepar'd his way by expelling from *Geneva* their Lawfull Prince and Governour, which violent Act was encourag'd, approved and confirm'd by *Calvin*, ſo has it ever ſince been carried on by Schiſm and Sedition. Never was it receiv'd into any Church, but it preſently diſſolv'd the Catholick Unity of Faith, and broke the Bond of Peace;

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never into any State which it did not embroil and throw into very dangerous Convulſions; never into any family which it did not divide, and ſet at variance; never did it get poſſeſſion of any ſingle man, whom it did not ſtrangely transform with Pride and Moroſeneſs, made him unfit for civil Society and common converſation. Are not the Writings of the Leaders in this Schiſm, not onely ſtuff't with irreverent and reproachfull Language againſt the Sacred Perſons of Princes, but likewiſe with dethroning Principles, and King-killing Doctrines? witneſs ſeveral paſſages in *Calvin's* Inſtitutions, and other his Works. That peſtilent Pamphlet entituled *Junius Brutus* or *Vindicæ contra Tyrannos*, ſuppoſed to be written by *Beza*, his Succeſſor; and to mention no more, *Knox's* Appellation to the Communality, and *Buchanan's Jus Regni apud Scotos*; a Book which for ſubtlety and wicked poſition ſcorns to give place to the *Jeſuit*, which nevertheleſs He had the impudence to dedicate to King *James*.

In theſe you may find Dignities evil ſpoken of, Majeſty reviled: that a Sovereignty is erected either in the People, or the ſubordinate Magiſtrate, that they are the Original of all juſt Power, that the Supreme Magiſtrate is proſtituted to their Luſts, that wicked and irriligious Kings, *i. e.* all whom they pleaſe to call ſo, may be queſtion'd, and conſequently dethron'd, ſentenc'd and put to Death. If it be ſaid that theſe are but the Doctrines of private men, and therefore unjuſtly chargeable upon the whole Order; I anſwer, that *Calvin* and *Beza* were more than Private men, they were leading Foundation Apoſtles, their Authority was as great, and held as Infallible at *Geneva*, as ever the Pope's was at *Rome*. Be-

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ſides, this is the very ſame argument which the Papiſts uſe to clear their Church from the Guilt and Scandal of *Bellarmine*, *Mariana*, *Sanctarellus*, or any other depoſing King-killing *Jeſuit*. For we do not find that the dethroning Power, which theſe frontleſs Flatterers have ſeated in the Pope, is either made an additional Article to *Pius*'s Creed, or trick't into the Canons of the later Editions of the Council of *Trent*: beſides, this Depoſing Principle of the *Jeſuits*, has been publickly cenſured and condemn'd as erroneous and impious in ſeveral Foreign Univerſities, written againſt by Men of the *Romiſh* Communion, and is moſt ſolidly and unanſwerably confuted by *Barclay* in his excellent Book *de Poteſtate Papæ*, *&c.* which book is dedicated to *Clement* the Eighth. But have the Presbyterians in any of their Synods cenſured or condemn'd the pernicious Tenets of *Calvin* or *Beza*? has any of them had the Grace to diſown or write againſt their dethroning Doctrines? if they have, their Books have proved very ineffectual, for if we paſs from their Principles to their Practices, we ſhall find that the Presbyterian has always been a Turbulent Imperious Bloudy Religion: that it has embroyl'd all the Kingdoms and Eſtates in Chriſtendom, where it got footing, with Rebellion, Civil War and Miſery, from its firſt Riſe at *Geneva*, to its remove into *France*, from thence into the Netherlands, from thence into *Scotland*, and from *Scotland* to its unfortunate Arrival into this Iſland. 'Tis not expected I ſhould enumerate the ſeveral wicked Plots and Deſigns of theſe Hypocrites, during the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth*, King *James*, and King *Charles*. This is the buſineſs of an Hiſtorian, and is already faithfully done to our hands, by the Reverend Dr. *Heylin*, and others, who have writ

writ the Hiſtories of Presbytery and *Calviniſm.* I ſhall onely at preſent lay to their Charge all the Bloud that was ſhed, all the violence that was acted, during our late unnatural Wars: that they were the Dethroners and Murtherers of their Glorious Sovereign under a cloak of Juſtice, and Mock-formalities of Law. A Villany of ſo deep a Dy, that the Roman Conclave bluſhes at it, and was never debated and reſolved, but in the Deep Infernal Councels of a Presbyterian Conſiſtory. And is there not at this day great reaſon to charge them home with this Maſterpiece of all Iniquity, ſince they have taken ſuch great Advantage of the late Popiſh Plot, that the guilty Papiſts had almoſt made them innocent? and there have not been wanting ſome Church-Trimmers, ſtill retaining a fellow-feeling for the Cauſe, who from the Pulpit have endeavour'd to clear them, and lay the Guilt of that Horrid Murther chiefly upon the Popiſh Prieſts; though they cannot find the name of one Papiſt in the whole Liſt of true Proteſtant Regicides. But ſuppoſing the *Jeſuits* did invent and direct in the Tiring Room, what they acted on the open Stage: This will be ſo far from excuſing, that it adds to their Crime, and makes them paſs for what they would be loth to be thought, fools as well as ſomething elſe. For no man dares ſay a Presbyterian is the leſs dangerous for being influenc'd and guided by *Jeſuitical* Counſels. May we not now expoſe their Bloudy and Treaſonable Practices to the world, ſince almoſt five and thirty years have expired, ſince the perpetration of that execrable Parricide, and they have not yet Repented? Since almoſt four and twenty years have run out, ſince His Majeſty's Happy Reſtauration, whom theſe abandon'd Citizens forc'd into

a far Country, not to receive a Kingdom, but to be expos'd to all the Hardships and Miseries of Exile and Banishment, and they have not yet Repented? Since all this time they have owed their Lives, too plentifull Fortunes, and dangerous Liberty to a Gracious Act of Oblivion at first, and repeated Acts of Indulgence since, and they have not yet Repented? Since all along His Majesty's Mercifull, Peacefull and God-like Reign, these Ungratefull Vipers have been warm'd with the Sunshine of His Favours, some of them received into places of Trust and Dignity, and they have not yet Repented? An Obstinacy and Ingratitude not to be met with, but in an apostate Angel who cannot, and a Presbyterian who will not Repent. Lastly, since they were even now Acting the same dire part over again, and we are (God be Praised) in the very Act of offering up our most solemn Praises and unfeigned Thanks to God Almighty for the Deliverance of His Sacred Majesty, His Dearest Brother, and the whole Government, from the Hellish Conspiracy of these Sons of Perdition: which brings me in the Second place consider the several ways they tryed to carry on this Deviliſh Conspiracy in particular.

First, then, as His Majesty observes in His Declaration, this Malevolent Party for several years last past made it their business to promote Sedition by false News, Libellous Pamphlets, and other wicked Arts, whereby they endeavour'd not onely to render His Government odious, His most faithfull Subjects suspected to the people, but even to excite a dislike and hatred of His Royal Person. And this is the common Engine, which they have always plaid against the Govern-

vernment. They have always had *Martin-mar-prelats* and *Marvels* to sanctifie Lies, Scurrility and Railing to the Service of the *Good old Cause*. But of late we have been infested with swarms of Pestilent Libels, which like Locusts overspread the Land, poyson'd the minds of the people, devoured all the little remains of Duty, Allegiance, Civility and common Honesty; which swell'd their Breasts with Discontents, Jealousies, Revenge and Cruelties, and fitted them for the most Desperate and Barbarous undertakings.

Secondly, they took the Advantage of a Popish Plot, and made an Army of Pilgrims, with black Bills in their hands, as formidable as if *Hannibal* himself had been at the Gates. However pernicious that Design was in it self, it was by them improved into more fatal Consequences, and they soon made no other use of the Popish Plot, but as of a stale to carry on a Fanatical Conspiracy. For these Masters in the Trade were not now to learn what has been long since observ'd, that the Prerogative never suffered, no great Statesman has ever been disgrac't, nor the Church of *England* it self (nay the Liberties of the People) ever wounded, but a dreadfull Outcry of Popery has still preceded. And indeed *Hinc illæ Lacrymæ*. For this Popish Plot, though from its first Discovery prosecuted with a very severe and rigorous Justice, was nevertheless under pretence of a partial prosecution thrown upon the King, the Council, all faithfull Ministers of State, Judges of the Land, and Loyal Clergy of the Church of *England*, nay at length the Government was brought into the Conspiracy for its own Dissolution:

ſolution: in ſhort, no man could ſhew his fidelity to the Monarchy, by oppoſing their antimonarchical Projects, but he was preſently blaſted with the odious title of a Court or Church-Papiſt.

Thirdly, by this means they ſecured to themſelves Factious Elections for ſucceeding Parliaments; and none were now thought ſo fit to be entruſted with our Liberties and Properties, as either Old Commonwealths-men, who had formerly been the ſhamefull Betrayers of both, or elſe ſuch as by their untoward carriage in later Seſſions, had manifeſted their Diſcontents and Hatred to the Government. The unwarrantable proceedings and Seditious Votes of the late Commons are well enough known to you all, yet you muſt give me leave upon this Occaſion to bring ſome of them to your Memories. And I ſhall begin with their pragmatical intermeddling with the Succeſſion, a thing too Sacred to be touch'd by their unhallowed Hands, their ſawcy, iterated preſſing it upon His Majeſty, after he had ſo often declared it was a point which in His Royal Judgment, ſo nearly concerned Him in Honour, Juſtice and Conſcience, that He could never conſent to it. And great Reaſon was there for His making that Reſolution, ſince 'twas always ſuſpicious, but is now manifeſt that the Diſinheriſon of His Royal Highneſs was carried on with that Violence, to facilitate the Dethroning of the King. To ſay nothing to the rude form obſerv'd in the penning of this Bill, that 'twas drawn up by a Perſon ſince accuſed of High Treaſon; to paſs by the Ingratitude of the Contrivers, againſt a Prince of

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such Eminent Vertues; who has ventur'd His Royal Bloud as frankly for the good of His Country, as the meaneſt Subject in it, and who was even then Actually manifeſting His unalterable Loyalty and Affection to His Sovereign in reducing *Scotland* to their Obedience; and we have at this hour great reaſon to be thankfull to Him for His Wiſe and Proſperous Conduct in that Affair; take the Villany of this whole procedure from this one inſtance; the chiefeſt Arguments which I have hitherto met with, for the Excluding a Popiſh Succeſſor on the account of his Religion, are ſtolen out of *Doleman* the *Jeſuit*, which Book was written deſignedly to hinder King *James* a Proteſtant Succeſſour's coming to the Crown. *Flectere ſi nequeunt Superos,* And I do here publickly declare, what was always my Judgment, that I do believe no humane Acts or Power in the world can *de jure* hinder the Deſcent of the Crown upon the next Heir of the Bloud, which is his unalterable Right by Religion, Law, Hiſtory and Reaſon.

Next call to your minds their ſtrange Illegal Votes. That if the King ſhould come to any violent Death, they would Revenge it to the utmoſt on the Papiſts. Whereby they both prompted any bold Enthuſiaſtick *Hone* to commit the Execrable Parricide, and irritated the Rabble to the Maſſacre of innocent Perſons. That whoſoever ſhould lend the King any money upon the ſeveral Branches of His Revenue, ſhould be adjudg'd to hinder the ſitting of Parliaments, and be reſponſible for it in Parliament; whereby they not onely took away all hopes of neceſſary Supplies, tyed up, as much

much as in them lay, the hands of all Loyal Subjects, but moreover, as His Majesty complains, would have reduced Him to a more helpless condition, than the meanest of His Subjects. Their resolving that the Prosecution of Dissenters upon Penal Laws was grievous to the Subject, an encouragement to Popery, and dangerous to the Peace of the Kingdom, whereby they assumed to themselves a Power of suspending Acts of Parliament, of Licencing Riotous and Seditious Conventicles, and added strength and boldness to the Leaders of the Faction. If any Loyal Member, though never so Eminent for his Talent in speaking, and other Abilities, stood up in the Defence of his King or Countrey, He was either rudely hiss't at, or run down with a Train of clamorous Speeches. How that they would have made use of an Impeachment to have rescued a Profess't Papist, and a notorious Traytor from Punishment. How importunately they Address't His Majesty for Pardons and Pensions for a pack of Profligate Villains, whom they kept in pay to accuse any man that stood in the way to their wicked Designs. How they Voted several Eminent Persons Enemies to the Kingdom, without Process of Law, hearing their Defence, or any Proof, so much as offered against them. Lastly, How that at the same time when they amused the People with Jealousies, and apprehensions of Tyranny and Oppression, they assumed to themselves an unprecidented Arbitrary Power of taking into Custody their Fellow-Subjects, for Matters no way Relating to Privileges of Parliament. How they had an Intercourse with Traytors, a Correspondency with the common Agitator for the Conspiracy. A Villain

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who declares King-killing a Glorious Act, hopes to ſee Regicides Rewarded by Parliaments, Statues Erected to their Memories, and they ſtyled *Liberatores Patriæ*, *i. e.* in the Blaſphemy of the Modern Stile *Saviour's of the Nation.* And all this time we muſt be born in hand, and accurs'd for Tories and Papiſts if we will not believe them to be true Patriots, the onely Aſſertors of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, that they alone provided for the Safety of His Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, and the Dignities of the Imperial Crown.

Fourthly, Theſe audacious Proceedings having forc't His Majeſty to an Interval of Parliaments, They obſtruct the ordinary Courſe and Methods of Juſtice, by pack't *Ignoramus Juries*, whereby Faction and Treaſon became ſecure and frontleſs, being now above the reach of the Laws, an Impunity was Proclam'd to the greateſt State-Malefactors, the Principal Conſpirator was Reſcued out of the Hands of Juſtice, and Triumphant Medals diſpers'd for his Deliverance: ſuch a barefac't Affront to Authority as can ſcarce be Parallel'd. To accompliſh this Matchleſs Violation of Juſtice, Notorious known Diſſenters are brought to the Communion and Sacraments of the Church of *England*, to Capacitate them for Places of Truſt, and take Oaths to Conform to the Government which they intend to Deſtroy, and ſo become Perjured in the very Act of ſwearing. And for this they have the Reſolution of their own *Caſuiſts*, that an Oath obligeth not in the ſenſe of the Impoſer, but the Taker. A more ſure and compendious way of Ruining our Church and State,

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than the *Jesuit* with all his Equivocations and Dispensations hath hitherto Attempted. For it is now no longer an open Enemy, but a Familiar Friend that hath done us this Dishonour.

Fifthly, By their Republican Clubs, Riotous Rambles, and Descents into the several Parts of the Nation to number the People, and try the strength of their Party; whilst their Chief, like another *Absolon*, takes his Glorious Progresses, addresseth to the Populace, and receives their Caresses, insinuates himself into the Minds of the Discontented, and alienates their Affections yet farther from their Obedience to their Lawfull Prince.

Sixthly, By Bandying themselves into an Accursed Association, which was neither better nor worse, for worse it could not be, than a transcript of the old *Scoteh Covenant*, as that was of the *Holy League of France*, which laid three Kingdoms in Bloud, murthered the King, and dissolv'd the Monarchy. These were the Principal Methods which they pursued in the carrying on their Trayterous Purposes; but these failing, and their Villanies rendring them every day more and more odious in the sight of all good Men, and the Unanimous Addresses of all Loyal Subjects from all Parts of the Kingdom, Proclaiming a Detestation and Abhorrence of their wicked Proceedings, and giving the greatest assurances of Fidelity and Affection to the King and the Establish't Government, by a free and Generous Proffer of their Lives and Fortunes

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in the Defence of Both, they became deſperate, and reſolving to truſt no longer to the ſlow Methods of Sedition, betook themſelves to open force.

Which brings me to my third Particular, that when theſe means fail'd, they reſolved with the deſperate Citizens in the Text, *Nolumus Hunc*, We will not have This King to Reign over us. And this was to be effected either by raiſing an Army to maſter His Guards and ſeize His Perſon, or by a Barbarous Aſſaſſination, and both theſe Deſigns were carried on by ſeveral Intereſts at the ſame time; the Particulars whereof are ſo Plainly and Methodically ſet forth in His Majeſty's Declaration, which has now been twice publickly read, that it ſuperſedes any farther Relation.

I ſhall therefore very briefly conſider the Quality of this Helliſh Conſpiracy, and then ſet before your eyes that Scene of Horrour and Deſolation which had overſpread and blackned the Land in caſe it had taken Effect.

If we conſider the Quality, it is compounded of ſo many Malignant Ingredients that it looks more like a Confederacy againſt Religion, Morality and the common Sentiments of Humanity, than a Conſpiracy againſt the Frame, Conſtitution and Adminiſtration of the Government. Ambition, Avarice, Revenge have often bewitch't men, and led them into Treaſonable Aſſociations; but this ſeems to be the ſole Reſult of Abſtracted Malice, of men aban-

don'd to the Curſe of a *Reprobate Mind.* For what would they have enjoyed, which they had not, or what could they have deſired, which they might not have had? Was not the Chief of the Conſpiracy in the quiet Poſſeſſion of all Places of Truſt, Profit and Honour, which could make him either Happy in himſelf, ſerviceable to the Government, or gratefull to the People? Did not many of the Reſt owe their forfeited Lives, and rais'd Fortunes to His Majeſty's Grace and Bounty? Were not all of them even glutted with the Bleſſings of Peace, Plenty and Liberty? Here then is an unparallel'd Ingratitude againſt a Prince of the Higheſt Bounties towards them; whoſe whole Reign hath been ſo mild and mercifull, that He hath even Exceeded our Saviour's Precept of Loving His Enemies, and doing good to thoſe who deſpitefully uſe Him. We want not ſome few Examples in Hiſtory of ſome Enthuſiaſtick *Ravillac*, or other Bloudy Aſſaſſin, who not regarding the Sacredneſs of Majeſty, has made his way to the Heart of an Imperial Monarch. But for ſo many Flagitious Villains to Complot the Murther of their Lawfull Prince, His Deareſt Brother, the Hopes of the Succeſſion, to Deſign the utter Ruine of the Loyal Intereſt, to carry this on for ſo many Years, in ſo many deliberate Cabals and Conſultations, in defiance of Heaven, and ſo many Providential Diſappointments, to continue all this while without any diſcompoſure of mind, or remorſe of Conſcience, the Aſſaſſination to be perform'd after ſuch a Barbarous Butcherly manner; this is ſuch a Villany and Obduracy, not to be met with in the Chriſtian world, but in the more obdurate

obdurate Hearts of Fanaticks, blaſted under the Curſe of an unconverted *Saul*, that all this time they thought they did God good ſervice; but amongſt Fanaticks whoſe Loyalty is Rebellion, whoſe Religion is Treaſon, and whoſe very Goſpel is the Myſtery of Iniquity; laſtly, but amongſt Fanaticks and Atheiſts transform'd into malicious Fiends by the Helliſh Divinity of that Monſter of a Prieſt, the Author of *Julian the Apoſtate*, whoſe whole Book is as great an Apoſtacy from the Practice of the *Primitive Chriſtians*, the Precepts of Obedience deliver'd by Chriſt and his Apoſtles, and Chriſtianity it ſelf, as ever the Apoſtate *Julian* was guilty of, and is indeed no other than the very Platform of this Helliſh Conſpiracy, and aims as directly at the eternal Ruine of the Conſpirators, as the temporal Death of the King, and the diſſolution of the Monarchy.

Secondly, Set before your eyes that Scene of Horrour and Deſolation which had overſpread the Land, in caſe this wicked Treaſon had ſucceeded. The King, His Royal Brother, the Miniſters of State, Judges and Principal Magiſtrates all ſlaughter'd after a moſt inhumane, Savage manner; the Government diſſolv'd, our Altars polluted, our Liberties enſlav'd, our Properties wreſted from us, and all things laid open to the Violence of implacable Men. And indeed who can ſay, had that Tragedy been begun, how far it would have gone, or where it would have ended? For in caſe of Oppoſition it muſt have been ſeconded with ſuch a Devaſtation of Fire and Sword, as

as never before had been heard of in this Nation. Our ſtreets had been fill'd with the Cries of Widows, and the Fatherleſs, with Murthers, Rapins, Inceſts, Adulteries, Sacrilege, Maſſacres and Conflagration. No Cruelties would have been thought Cruel enough to ſatiate the Revenge of Fanatick Rage upon Papiſts and Tories. A ſudden Diſpatch had been the greateſt Favour we could have ask'd, or receiv'd from the hand of ſo baſe and mercileſs an Enemy. For what ſatisfaction would it have been to any Loyal Subject to have ſurviv'd the ruines of the Church and State, to have lived in a Land polluted and ſtain'd with Royal and Noble Bloud, to have had daily before his eyes the diſmal Spectacle of his enſlav'd undone Country, and to have liv'd in perpetual fears of being made a Sacrifice himſelf? But it pleaſed that God who allotteth to Atheiſts and Rebels a portion with the Hypocrite, to Reſcue His Majeſty from the Paws of theſe Bloudy Miſcreants, and to lay both Parties of the Conſpiracy under the ſame Fate and Diſappointment.

Which brings me to my fourth and laſt obſervation, the Folly and Impiety of Treaſonable Attempts. For notwithſtanding their *Nolumus*, He whom they devoted to Slaughter does and ſhall Reign over them.

That good Kings ſhould be the more immediate Care of God, ſeems agreeable to the Oeconomy of His Providence, and is confirm'd by Examples in all Ages. For they are His anointed, His Vice-gerents,

rents, ſet over us by His Appointment, and in theirs is involv'd the Fate of particular men. And therefore their publick Sacred Character entitles them to a ſpecial Right in the Divine Providence. Of this truth, our Gracious King has been a very rare Example through the whole Courſe of His Life; never did any Righteous King receive more ſtrange and miraculous Deliverances, nor He himſelf ever a Greater, than this laſt, when Judgement was turn'd into Mercy, and the Dreadfull Fire at *Newmarket*, became to Him a Tower of Salvation. Which conſideration alone was enough to have deterr'd any, but ſuch bold Sons of *Anak*, who were not afraid to become Fighters againſt God, from attempting the Life of a Prince, who had been hitherto ſo wonderfully preſerv'd.

But He ſhall Reign over them, Firſt in Judgement; in a legal Execution of thoſe Bloudy Conſpirators who would have murthered Him. They muſt ſuffer, or He cannot be ſafe: Mercy would here prove Cruelty, Pardon an affront to Juſtice, and the higheſt Ingratitude to Heaven. They are now under the command of thoſe Laws which they would have deſtroyed, under the hands of thoſe Judges whom they had deſtin'd to Slaughter; and every Judge muſt remember that He is the Miniſter of God, a Revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. That which ſeems truly deplorable in their Fate, is the execrable Treaſon for which they die, and the Hardneſs and Impenitence which accompanies them at their Deaths. And woe be to thoſe wretched Guides, who led them into both;

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thoſe Betrayers of Souls, who inſtead of diſpoſing them to Chriſtian Confeſſion, Repentance and Reſignation, have caus'd them to publiſh ſuch Juſtifications as ſeem written with Deſign to incite their Accomplices to doe the Work of the Conſpiracy here, whilſt they are anſwering for it in the other world: this conſideration makes the Hearts of all good Chriſtians ake. For never did any Criminals ſuffer for a more Flagitious Crime, upon clearer Evidence, fuller Conviction, fairer Tryal, juſter Condemnation, or fall under a more mercifull Execution, one of them receiving that mitigation of his Sentence, which he had formerly denyed to be in the Power of the King to grant. And therefore we muſt believe thoſe men are given over to believe a Lye, who impudently cry up their Innocency, and boaſt their Martyrdom. This can onely demonſtrate the Incorrigible malignity of the Faction, and awaken the Magiſtrate into a vigorous Execution of the Laws againſt ſuch Boldneſs as in the very Diſcovery and Proſecution of a Fanatick Conſpiracy, dares juſtifie Treaſon and Canonize Traytors.

And therefore Secondly, He ſhall Reign over them in making a right improvement of this great Advantage which God hath put into His hands. The wounderfull Deliverances He has already receiv'd, do plainly ſay, that He is ſtill reſerv'd for ſome extraordinary Work in the world. And from His laſt miraculous Eſcape we may eaſily Preſage what mighty Acts He ſhall perform for theſe Kingdoms in Particular. Now ſhall it be in His Power to ſubdue

due that Peſtilence of Puritaniſm, which for above theſe hundred Years has raged in this Nation, to cruſh the Seeds, and deſtroy the very Principles of Schiſm. To Him it is reſerv'd to bring the Church of *England* up to thoſe Glorious Heights, that She ſhall appear the Envy of *Rome*, and the Terrour of *Geneva*. To ſettle the Monarchy upon ſo firm a Baſis, that it ſhall be no more ſhaken by Republican Rage. His Sacred Perſon ſhall be no longer liable to Violence, nor His Subjects to Oppreſſion. No more ſhall Majeſty be affronted by the Sawcy Votes of a Seditious Senate, nor we made Priſoners by our Repreſentatives. But long and ſecure ſhall He Reign in the Hearts and Affections of His People, and when He returns late to Heaven, leave the Bleſſing of Peace, and a well Eſtabliſh't Crown to His Succeſſor; Poſterity ſhall Praiſe His Memory, and Generations to come ſhall call Him *the Father of his Country*, and *the Mighty Defender of the Faith.*

And it remains that we render unto God Almighty our moſt Solemn Thanks for the Comprehenſive Mercy we this Day Celebrate, in the Deliverance of His Sacred Majeſty, and the Government, from the damnable Conſpiracy of Fanatick Rage. And we muſt pray that as God in His infinite Goodneſs has hitherto diſcover'd and defeated their Helliſh Devices; ſo He would every day more and more confound their Wicked imaginations. That Juſtice may overtake thoſe Trayterous Fugitives, whom Mercy could not Reclaim. And let us never more be ſo far tranſported with the fears of a *Popiſh Plot*, as to think our ſelves ſecure from a *Fanatick Conſpiracy*. This one falſe ſtep had

like to have led us into Deſtruction. They are both formidable Enemies, and ſince we are plac'd between two Extremes, common Prudence bids us have a watchfull Eye over both, and not to give a palpable Advantage to the One, by applying all our Force againſt the Other. At this time the Diſſenters appear to me the moſt Dangerous. For the Papiſts are comparatively contemptible as to their numbers, their Intereſt is broken, we have ſevere Penal Laws in force againſt them, and thoſe Laws in no danger of a Repeal, ſince both their Peers and Commons are made uncapable of Sitting in Parliament. But the Diſſenters are formidable as to their numbers, they boaſt themſelves in their ſtrength, they are Reſtleſs in their Attempts, and implacable in their Diſpoſitions. And it is very memorable that we ſhould on the ſame day of the Month obſerve a Day of Thankſgiving for the Deliverance of the Church and Defender of our Faith from a Fanatick Conſpiracy, on which the Rebellious Commons in *Forty One* firſt publiſh't their Order in Derogation of the Common-Prayer Book, and for the ſuſpenſion of the Laws Eccleſiaſtical, of which Violation our late Martyred Sovereign of ever Bleſſed Memory ſo often and ſenſibly complains in His Declaration of *Aug.* 12. 42. *Wonderfull art thou in thy ways, O God!* and *thy Paths are paſt finding out.*

In a word then, as we are thankfull to God for the Preſervation of His Majeſty hitherto, ſo let us implore His Protection over him for the time to come, that He may daily receive freſh Acceſſions of ſtrength and Splendour, and be recompenc'd *for the times, wherein*

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He hath ſuffered Adverſity. And let us evermore pay to ſo Gratious a King, and ſo much Beloved of God, our utmoſt Expreſſions of Duty, Love and Obedience. Let us Eſteem and Honour Him as the Gift of God, and receive Him as a new Preſent from Heaven.

O Lord ſave the King,
And Bleſs thine Anointed;
Send Him help from thy Holy Hill,
And evermore mightily defend Him.
Let the Enemy have no Advantage over Him,
Nor the Wicked approach to hurt Him.

Which God of His infinite Mercy grant through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, Three Perſons, and One God, be given all Glory, Praiſe and Dominion henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

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